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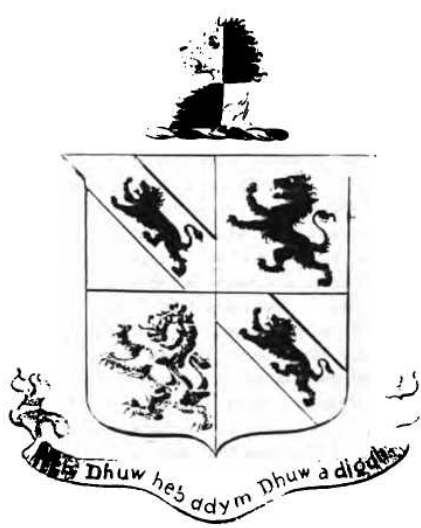
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## Introduction.

THE writer having to the best of his ability collected all information that was available of the family and descendants of John Davies, who came from England in the year 1735 and settled at Litchfield, Conn., presents it in this form to his relatives, with the hope that it may be found of interest to the present generation, and that in the future some younger and possibly more persevering member of the family will continue the record here found, and while expanding it, correct such errors as may exist, and add further information to that already obtained.

It is idle to assume that a work of this character can pretend to the accuracy that should be found in a narrative of current events, or of occurrences of historic interest for which ample written authority and general report can be depended on as a basis, but memoirs such as these, which must be gathered from obscure local records, indistinct tradition, and the memory of individuals concerning facts which have not been deeply impressed upon them, or of which the recollection has become dim by lapse of time, must be allowed a freedom that cannot but result from the sources upon which they depend.

Nevertheless, such facts as fall within the personal knowledge of the writer are accurately given. The substance of all records that he has personally examined, or that have been procured for him by others, has been faithfully rendered, and all information that the most diligent inquiry could procure from every accessible member of this numerous family, has been carefully entered on these pages.

As will be observed, to some members of the family connection more space has been devoted and a fuller record given than to

others, but this defect must be attributed to the proper source, the want of information upon which to write, and while all have been invited to contribute such records of themselves, or of their immediate relatives as they deemed noteworthy, few have responded with sufficient fullness to furnish material for a comprehensive biography.

Sufficient has been here gathered, however, to show that the several members of the family have generally been faithful and diligent in duty in such stations of life as they have been called to fill, and though no individual has hitherto attained such position as would largely render him historically conspicuous, there is not one whose name has deserved other than honorable and respectful mention.

A sincere and conservative devotion to law, order, and established institutions has been through all time a marked characteristic of this family. Its members, with rare exceptions, have been by descent and conviction faithful adherents to the Church of England. Whenever their means permitted, they will be found to have been liberal benefactors of that church, and several have attained distinction and performed memorable service as ministers at the altar. No members of the family appear to have sought or held high public office, or to have followed a political career, but in times of trial and danger they have always appeared faithful to their convictions, and ready to assert their principles at the risk of life and liberty. In the three great civil wars that have occurred within the period covered by this memoir,—the English Revolution of 1640, the American Revolution, and the War of Secession,—we find all of the name of Davies who were engaged in these conflicts, steadfast in the maintenance of law and established institutions, and not one

was ever known as an English Puritan, an American Revolutionist,  
or a Southern Secessionist.

Thus introduced, this work is committed to the consideration of  
the family circle with the hope that some, at least, of the readers  
may find in its perusal a portion of the pleasure and interest that  
have rewarded the writer for the labor it has demanded.